

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/511,507

Applicant(s)

PINEIRO ET AL.

Examiner

Kamal A. Saeed

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on November 26, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 13 now renumbered as 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 13 are currently pending in this application. Claim 13 is withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The withdrawn subject matter is patentably distinct from the elected subject matter as it differs in structure and element and would require separate search considerations. In addition, a reference, which anticipates one group, would not render obvious the other.

Previous objections

Claims 1-6 and 10 were objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. Applicants canceled claims 3 and 4 and amended claim 1 to overcome the objections.

Rejoinder

In accordance with M.P.EP 821.04 and In re Ochiai, 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995), rejoinder of product claims with process claims commensurate in scope with the allowed product claims will occur following a finding that the product claims are allowable. Since the product claims were found allowable, claim 13, which is directed to method of use claim, has been rejoined with the allowed product. Therefore, the restriction between the compounds and the method is hereby withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

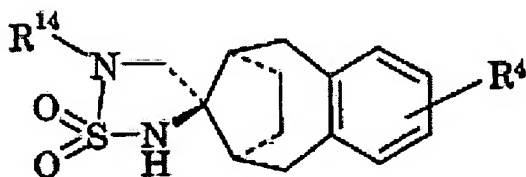
Authorization to this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with John C. Todaro, on December 11, 2007. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 13, line 1, DELETE the terms " a subject suffering from or prone to"

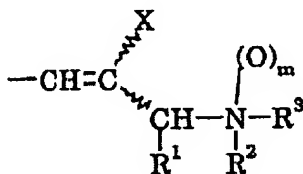
Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

This invention relates to compounds of Formula Compounds of formula I,



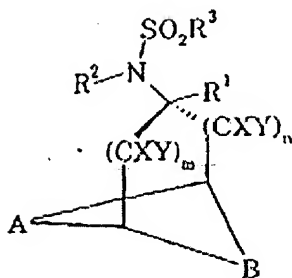
,depicted in claim 1, wherein:



R⁴ is represents

and the other variables are as defined in claim 1. The

invention also relates to the pharmaceutical use of these compounds. The closest prior art is WO 01/70677 A1 to MERCK SHARP & DOHME LIMITED. WO '70677 teaches sulfonamide-



substituted compounds of Formula . The compounds described in this application differ from the prior art in that the compounds described in this application have a thiadiazole 1,1-dioxide group. Moreover the substituent R₄ as defined in this application is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art. . Therefore, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 13 are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance."

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal A Saeed whose telephone number is (571) 272-0705. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00 AM- 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

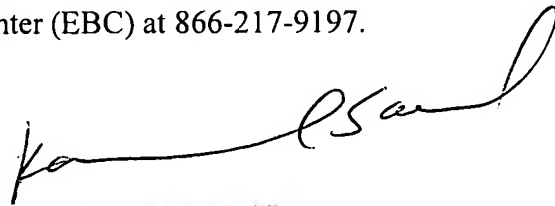
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamal A. Saeed', written in a cursive style.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER